April 1925 and if so, whether the figures given in the said note regarding the number of the population of the various classes or castes and the number of people from each such class drawing Rs. 50 and above per mensem as salary are correct?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government have come across the publication under reference. They cannot undertake to verify the accuracy of such figures given in newspaper publications.

Statue of H. H. Sri Sir Rama Varma, G.C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

6. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(1) the authority that granted the site in front of the Public Offices at Ernakulam for the erection of the Statue of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varma, G.-C. S. I., G. C. I. E., of Cochin?

(2) the term if any on which the site has been granted?

(3) the total amounts that went to the credit of the Shashtipurthi Committee that put up the Statue, by way of principal, interest, and deposits in the Government Treasuries of the State?

(4) the total amount drawn up-to-date from the Treasuries and the balance outstanding to its credit in the Treasuries of the State?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(1) The Government.

(2) A copy of the Vice-President's letter is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I*).

(3) Rs. 37,828—7—7.

(4) The whole amount was drawn and no balance is outstanding in the Treasuries.

Government contribution towards the Shashtipurthi of H. H. Sri Sir Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

7. Will the Government be pleased to inform the amount of the contribution they made towards the memory of the Shashtipurthi of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.?

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Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Not anything in the shape of money.

Permission to the Legislative Council Secretary to practise.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

8. Is the Secretary to the Legislative Council allowed to practise as a Vakil, and if so, under what rules?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

He is. By the order of his appointment.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know on what rule is the order based?

President.—Under the rules he was allowed to practise.

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

He has got a right to practise under the rules and he was doing it.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

His position is analogous to that of a Government Pleader.

President.—There is the order of appointment and it does not take away that privilege.

Combination of the offices of the Secretary to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assistant.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

9. Instead of having two officers, one as Secretary to the Council and the other as Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate, cannot the duties of both be combined in one full-timed officer?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government think it is not possible; at any rate, not advisable.

Circumstances which led to the importation of a British Officer as Police Commissioner.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

10. Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances which led to the importation of a British Officer as Police Commissioner in the Cochin State?

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